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SUBJECT: FRANCO-AFRICAN MILITARY COOPERATION: AN ENTENTE
MILITARY PACT?

REFS: (A) PARIS 00511 (NOTAL), (B) 76 LOME 2593 (NOTAL),

1. IN REF B EMBASSY NOTED REPORT OF PRESIDENT EYADEMA'S
INTEREST IN POSSIBLE TRANSFORMATION OF THE ENTENTE GROUP INTO
A MILITARY ORGANIZATION. IN THAT MESSAGE WE REPORTED THAT
HOUPHOUET HAD BEEN DELEGATED TO CONSULT WITH FRENCH GOVERNMENT
ON POSSIBILITY OF ADDITIONAL FRENCH MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR
ENTENTE STATES. SOURCE OF THAT REPORT MET WITH PRESIDENT EYADEMA
ON JANUARY 15 AND EYADEMA NOTED THAT HE, HOUPHOUET, AND
NIGERIEN PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE HAD DISCUSSED MILITARY COOPERATION

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DURING RECENT JANUARY 13 CELEBRATION TEN YEARS EYADEMA RULE.
SOURCE SAID THAT THE THREE HAD ALSO TALKED WITH PRESIDENT
LAMIZANA OF UPPER VOLTA BY PHONE LAST WEEK RE THEIR CONCERNS.

2. QUESTION OF CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN ENTENTE REGION (BENIN)
AND GENERAL QUESTION OF EXTENSION OF SOVIET/CUBAN
ACTIVITIES INTO WEST AFRICA PREOCCUPIED THESE LEADERS. SOURCE

SAID THAT HOUPHOUET HAD OBTAINED AGREEMENT FROM FRENCH TO BASE JAGUAR AIRCRAFT AND OTHER FORCES IN IVORY COAST WHERE FRENCH WILL CONSTRUCT A BASE. PURPOSE OF FRENCH FORCE WILL BE TO INTERVENE IF NECESSARY IN ENTENTE REGION (JAGUARS WERE IN EVIDENCE DURING JANUARY 13 CELEBRATION). REPORTEDLY TOGO AND IVORY COAST, AT LEAST, INTERESTED IN SIGNING FORMAL DEFENSE PACT WITH FRANCE.

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